

sister denominations have gone far ahead of us in this work. Churches, chapels, and residence halls have been built around these institutions, and student pastors are being secured.

We greatly need the sympathy, the prayers, and the financial support of the whole church. Our work deals with the sources of the church's power and influence. Her life and growth is largely dependent upon consecrated and trained leaders. When the Master gave the command, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest," he clearly laid upon the church the work she is seeking to do through the Executive Committee of Ministerial Education.

This year the General Assembly calls upon the church for \$40,000 for Ministerial Education. Last year 1,618 churches contributed \$24,930, while 1,582 churches made no contribution.

We earnestly appeal to you now for money which is greatly needed in this fundamental work of our church. Please contribute through your church, or send your offering to John Stites, treasurer, 110 Fifth St., Louisville, Ky.

For further information address Rev. Henry H. Sweets, Secretary, Executive Committee of Ministerial Education and Relief of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, 122 Fourth avenue, Louisville, Ky.

#### A CLOSE AND PECULIAR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SON OF GOD.

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I do not underrate the need or the usefulness of godly laymen, but there are peculiar satisfactions and honors and spiritual rewards to be won by the preacher who preaches God's glorious messages to men, and the pastor who gathers and feeds and leads the Master's flock.

In the first place, he is in close and covetable partnership with the Lord Jesus Christ. His work is on the same lines with Him who came to reveal the mind of God to suffering and sinning humanity, and to "seek and to save the lost." Christ's great commission to the band of men who were in the most intimate relations to Himself was, "As ye go, preach!"

In addition to the joy and honor of a peculiar partnership with the incarnate Son of God every true minister is, in the best sense of the word, a successor to the Apostles. Although without their infallible inspiration, and miraculous gifts, yet, like them, the faithful minister is the ambassador of the Lord Jesus.

Think, too, of the glorious themes and the sublime studies that will occupy your mind as a minister of God's Word. Is human science elevating? How much more is the science of Almighty God and of man's redemption; and of the unseen realities of eternity! Your themes of constant study will be the themes that inspired the mighty Luthers and Wesleys and Pascals and Chalmers. You will be nurturing your soul amid those pages where John Milton fed, and amid the success that taught Bunyan his matchless Allegory, and Jeremy Taylor his heaven-lit melodies. Every nugget of fresh truth you discover will make you happier than one who has found golden spoil.

If the high range of his studies and the preparation of his discourses are so stimulating to an earnest soul-winning pastor, he finds even richer satisfaction in his pulpit and in his labors among his flock and the surrounding community. During my ministry I have had an immense correspondence, but the letters that I embalm in lavender are those which express gratitude for a soul-converting sermon, or for words of uplifting consolation, spoken either in the pulpit or elsewhere. Happy the minister who is thus helped while he is helping others! He gets a small instalment of heaven in advance.

I do not assert that every able and godly young man in our schools and colleges should enter a pulpit. There are many who can serve their Master and their country more effectively in some other sphere. It is equally true that the only occupation that is not over-done in America is the occupation of serving Christ and saving souls. The only profession that is not over-crowded is the guild of good, clear-headed, conscientious, industrious, Christ-loving ministers.

Not one such is likely to go begging for a place. They are in demand.

#### IMPRESSIONS OF CALIFORNIA, ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO.

Dr. George L. Leyburn.

A recent trip from Lexington, N. C., to Los Angeles, Cal., brought us, over the Southern Pacific, through the southern parts of the States named. Of other States farther east, from North Carolina to Texas, your readers are more or less familiar, but not very many I suppose have ever visited or even passed through these three of the far west. For myself I had never passed this way heretofore; it was a new experience in a new part of the country, almost in a new world. I am well aware that a continuous trip gives small opportunity for anything but impressions, and these generally of small value, for what one sees and learns through a car window is always imperfect and often of little worth.

And I would not think of offering these for publication in your columns, if this were all. But we were fortunate enough to meet and travel for four days with a very intelligent gentleman and his interesting family, wife and two little girls, who added much to the interest and pleasure of the way, and gave us not a little valuable information. This was Dr. A. E. Marden, an Eastern man, who came to Arizona fifteen years ago for his health. He has held for some years a Government appointment as resident physician among the Pima Indians, his home at Sacaton, Ariz., the Reservation headquarters; and that his office is not a mere sinecure, it may be mentioned that he last year vaccinated 2,500 Pima Indians, old and young, great and small! This friend I found well informed on many points touching the country through which we passed, its history, productions, etc., and very ready to impart what he knew to others; he is besides an earnest Christian and a Presbyterian elder, having been a member of the St. Louis General Assembly of 1900, and much interested in the home mission work of his church, especially among the Pima and Maricopa Indians. So that my own "impressions"